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USDA to Survey County Small Grains Acreage

LAKESWOOD, COLORADO –The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming, for its County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS).

The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, and total yield and production of small grains crops down to the county level. CAPS will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops in the United States.

“The data provided by producers will help federal and state programs support the farmer,” said Bill Meyer, director of the NASS Mountain Region Field Office. “I hope every single producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers lose out when there is no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections and more. When enough producers do not respond to surveys, NASS is not able to publish data. Without data, agencies such as USDA’s Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency do not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers”

Within the next few weeks NASS representatives will contact selected Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming growers to arrange in-person interviews for conducting the survey. To safeguard all individual responses, NASS will publish only aggregate data, ensuring the confidentiality of all individual respondents.

Survey results will be published on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Mountain Region Field Office at (800) 392-3202.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in the Small Grains County Estimates report to be released on December 13, 2018. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information call the NASS Mountain Region Field Office at (800) 392-3202.

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